(ii) Katpadi-Pakala-Gauge Conversion

(iii) Dharamavaram-Pakala-Gauge Conversion

(iv) Pendekallu-Gooty by pass line

(v) Paddapalli-Karimnager-Nizamabad-New line

(vi) Nandyal-Yerragunta-New line

(vii) Munirabad-Mahaboobnager-New line

(viii) Kakinada-Kotapalli-Restofation of Dismantled line

(ix) Kakinada-Pithapuram-New line

(x) Road Overbridges & Road Under bridges in South Central Railway

(c) Funds have been allotted in the 1999-2000 budget depending upon the over all availability of resources and taking into consideration the priority of the individual projects.

Zonal Training Schools/Colleges of the Railways

2926. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Zonal training schools/ colleges are in Railways throughout the country;

(b) whether the Railway Board had agreed in principle for setting up a new Zonal training school at Guwahati for the N.F. Railway on 19th November, 1990; if so, whether site for the institute had been selected tentatively;

(c) if so, why is it delayed in implementation; and

(d) whether the Ministry of Railways would take necessary action to set up this institution in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) There are nine Zonal Training Centres in Indian Railways throughout the country.

(b) to (d) In 1990, it had been decided in principle, for setting up a modern training institute in Guwahati for training the staff of Northeast Frontier Railway. The new training centre has been set up at Guwahati. This provides training to Signal & Telecommunication staff of Northeast Frontier Railway.

Deterioration in Railway Catering Services

2927. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: SHRI ANANTA SETHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of deteriorating of catering services in Rajdhani Express trains;

(b) whether catering services "in long distance trains are also far below the standards and satisfaction;

(c) if so, the reasons for poor catering services and deterioration therein;

(d) whether Government have any proposal to improve catering services in the Railways; and

(e) if so, the details of steps taken in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Improvement in catering services is an ongoing process. This includes maintenance of hygiene, standard and quality of food services, introduction of good quality packaging-biodegradable material,, revision of menus, procurement of raw material from the approved sources etc. Regular/surprise checks are conducted by the railway administration to monitor the catering services and remedial action is taken.